



NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE,
2020

TERM 2 WEEK 8



This Semester the Emus have learnt about 'Living Things' and their features. We have explored the school garden and investigated insects; looked at the lifecycle of a variety of plants; and discussed the habitats of different animals. We have enjoyed collecting natural materials to create artworks of living things. Please enjoy a sample of our work below.

Artwork from the Emus



REMINDERS

P & C Annual General Meeting

This Thursday 18th June, 2020 at 5pm Zoom Meeting. All parents, carers and families welcome. If you are unable to access Zoom at home, you are welcome to attend the meeting at the following locations, hosted by:

Bec Dridan at the Oranga Office 112 Barber Street, Gunnedah

Bec Gander at 55 Lincoln Street, Gunnedah

The annual membership fee for the P & C is \$5. This is payable on or before the meeting. Payment can be made to the GS Kidd Front Office. Please send in an envelope clearly marked with your name or via direct debit. The bank details are as follows:

GS Kidd P & C

BSB: 637-000

Account Number: 780999993

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bec Dridan 0428 377 137



A reminder to all Year 10 students to please return your vaccination forms if you wish to have your Meningococcal vaccination. This will take place next Monday 22nd June, at 11:15 at school. Thank you to those who have already returned their forms.



With various Covid-19 restrictions slowly easing it was wonderful to hold our first school assembly on Monday this week. It's been quite some time since our last one. The students always enjoy coming together to celebrate their achievements through our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program and to join together in song!



With the current regulations due to Covid-19, we may not be able to share a birthday cake at the moment, but this certainly doesn't stop us from celebrating students' birthdays. Over the past two weeks we have celebrated Shayne's 17th, Charlotte's 14th, Brendan's 13th and Mackenna's 18th birthdays. We have had a special sign for the students, and the whole school has sung "Happy Birthday" together whilst still practicing social distancing.



Happy
Birthday



Gardening with the Turtles



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Damian and Shayne have reached Bronze level.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Class awards went to Mackenna, Murri, Max,
Angus and Cameron. Congratulations!

Friday Sport



The students are enjoying their Friday sports activities. With Covid-19 safety restrictions, we are mindful of the social distancing during sport and follow strict guidelines with cleaning of sporting equipment for each student's individual use.

This Term they are participating in a variety of activities. The students rotate between 5 stations including cricket, skipping, cosmic kids yoga, iki dance and fundamental movements. It is wonderful to see students so keen to participate, enjoying fun, fitness and friendship.

Active Kids ARE Happy Kids

Friday Sport





The Turtles enjoyed some outdoor activities on Tuesday with Mrs Hobson. Hugo especially loved trying to pop the bubbles during a sensory session.

Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships: A webinar for parents and carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders



Find out how to support your family member's personal development and sexuality in a positive way!

Come join the team at Family Planning NSW for an interactive webinar that will cover issues across the lifespan including:

- Disability and sexuality
- Preparing for puberty
- Decision making and safety
- Taking care of health and hygiene
- Supporting positive and safe sexual expression
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders of all ages are welcome.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept registrations from professionals for this event.

Date:

Thursday 18th of June 2020

Time:

Online 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Venue:

Zoom link provided on registration

Cost:

This course is funded by the Hunter New England Local Health District.

Priority will be given to people living or working in the Hunter New England area.



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For more information:

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[Click here to register online](#)

Dear families,

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

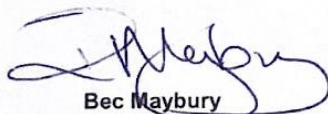
The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards


Bec Maybury

Principal



The students have enjoyed watching the progress of the Softfall being laid under the new swings and, all going well, this will be completed by the end of the week. I'm sure the students are looking forward to testing the swings!

This week we have returned to our regular Monday afternoon assemblies, another step in returning to pre COVID-19 school life. As you will see elsewhere in this week's newsletter students are working well in reaching their PBL goals.

We continue to follow the Department of Education's guidelines in relation to COVID –19 restrictions. The school is still receiving extra cleaning throughout the day and we are practising good hygiene with hand washing and the use of sanitiser.

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held this Thursday 18/06/2020 by Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Bec Maybury



Spare School Uniforms

We are fortunate that we have a supply of spare uniforms kept in our change rooms specifically for when the time arises that students may need to be changed. We are happy to send the students home in our supplies but we kindly ask that all uniforms that belong to the school please be returned. This then allows us to continue to offer this service for any student that may require it.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Our whole school Assembly now takes place every Monday afternoon. During this time we present our weekly PBL Awards. For all regular updates, highlights and photos please visit our Website gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au or follow us on Facebook.

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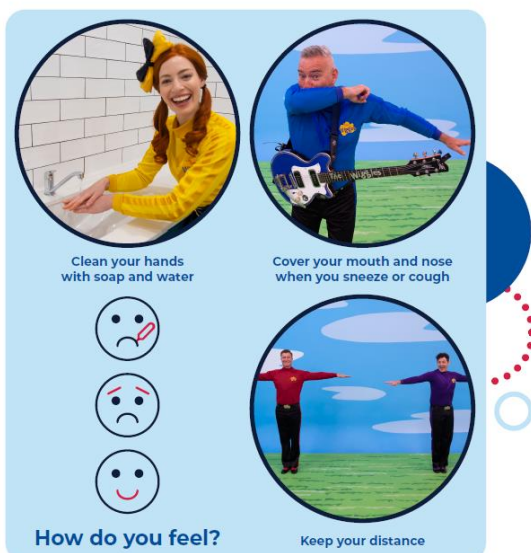
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Please use hand sanitiser

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TODAY'S THOUGHT:

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." Angela Schwind

Positive Behaviour For Learning

